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Legal Notice of Planned Improvement - SR 250 over Slate Creek - Des. 1701502

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intend to proceed with a bridge replacement project (Des. 1701502) for the bridge carrying SR 250 over Slate Creek in Jennings County, Indiana.

The need for this project is due to the deteriorated condition of the existing structure (Bridge No. 250-40-05952 B; NBI No. 030600) carrying State Road (SR) 250 over Slate Creek. The existing bridge carrying SR 250 over Slate Creek is a single span adjacent box beam bridge constructed in 1968. The existing structure has a 24-foot span and a 30-foot out to out deck width. The existing SR 250 approach cross section consists of two 11-foot lanes bordered by 3-foot paved shoulders. This section of SR 250 is a two-lane Rural Major Collector. Roadside V-ditches exist along SR 250 in the vicinity of the structure. The existing bridge wearing surface is in fair condition with longitudinal cracking with some delamination and spalls. The curbs on the north and southwest sides of the structure show deterioration and heavy efflorescence, and staining is visible on the superstructure between the box beams. The existing substructure exhibits vertical cracking every five feet in the abutments. Existing guardrail does not meet current Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards. The approximate existing right-of-way is 20 feet north and 20 feet south of the centerline throughout the project area. The bridge has no historic significance and is not on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rehabilitation activities will include replacement of the bridge superstructure. The replacement structure will be a single span, continuous reinforced concrete slab bridge with concrete bridge railings. The new bridge span will be 26 feet long with an out-to-out width of 33 feet. The new bridge deck will be 2.5 feet wider. The existing wingwalls will be removed and the top one-inch of the existing abutments will be milled. The existing abutments will be widened to accommodate the superstructure, vertical cracks in the abutments will be sealed, and new wingwalls will be installed. Bridge railing and bridge rail transition will be installed. Full depth pavement replacement as well as surface milling and resurfacing of pavement will be completed approximately 160 feet east and west from the existing structure and 60 feet to the north and south along South County Road 550 West to transition to the existing profile grade. Regrading of the ditches and shoulder widening will be completed on both sides of SR 250. W-beam guardrail and guardrail transitions will be installed approximately 105 feet west of the bridge, 115 feet on the south shoulder east of the bridge and 150 feet on the north shoulder east of the bridge. End treatments will be used at the east corners and curved terminal end treatments will be used at the west corners. Pavement markings and snow-plowable raised pavement markers will be installed on the bridge deck or approach slabs. Pavement resurfacing will occur along South County Road 550 West to transition to the existing profile grade. The project termini are approximately 210 feet east and 135 feet west from the center of the existing bridge. It is anticipated that the proposed project will require acquisition of approximately 0.65 acre of new permanent right-of-way. No displacements are associated with this project. No wetlands will be impacted by the project. The estimated cost for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction is approximately \$721,929. The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will require the closure of SR 250 with a detour. An official state route detour utilizing, SR 3, SR256, and Interstate 65 will be in place. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) 2.

All interested parties are hereby notified of the availability of the environmental document for inspection and the preliminary design plans for viewing at the following website <https://www.in.gov/indot/2706.htm> Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed. Please contact Kate Williams, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5332 or klwilliams@HNTB.com.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which INDOT needs to provide accessibility to the above documents such as interpreters or readers, please contact Kate Williams, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5332 or klwilliams@HNTB.com.

All interested persons may request a public hearing, or express their concerns, by submitting comments to the attention of Kate Williams, HNTB Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-917-5332 or klwilliams@HNTB.com OR Will Fortson, INDOT, 5701 Highway 31 E, Clarksville, IN 47129, 812-524-3745 or wfortson@indot.in.gov on or before July 3, 2020. If a hearing is determined to be in the best interest of the public, additional notification will be prepared and the public notified. Otherwise, any comments or materials received will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating: "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provide full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the FHWA on August 16, 2012.